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KINGDOM BRIEFS

The church at Braxton has called Brother R. L. Powell and he will begin work with them at once.

The State Summer Normal to be held at Clinton this summer begins June 9th and runs four weeks.

The Indianola paper gives a write-up of Brother H. M. King, of Jackson, and the meeting at Indianola in which he assisted the pastor, H. L. Martin. They evidently had a good meeting.

Rev. W. B. Holcomb, Quitman: There were 258 present in our Sunday School yesterday, 72 of whom were in the Baraca class and 65 in the Bible class. We hope to reach the 300 mark by April 30th.

Ex-Governor W. J. Northern, of Georgia, is dead. His had been a leading part in the affairs of the Baptists of his state and of the South. He was formerly president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Brother C. F. Andrews has resigned the work at Braxton and Dry Creek and is going to Texas on account of his health. He is a great loss to our work in Mississippi and we hope he may have complete recovery in his new home.

On a recent visit to Crystal Springs we met one Sunday School scholar, Brother Biggs, ninety years of age, and one lady in the congregation, Sister Barnes, ninety-two. Is this the fountain of youth DeSoto was looking for?

The commencement sermon of Mississippi College this year will be preached by H. L. Winburne, of Arkansas. The annual address will be by W. M. Poteat, president of Wake Forest College, North Carolina. This guarantees a great occasion.

Brother N. W. P. Bacon gives one-half time to Coffeeville, one Sunday to Olive Branch, and one Sunday to Duck Hill, and then finds time to preach to Mt. Gilead. It isn't every man who can work so fast as to get ahead of time to make an extra Sunday.

Another victim of "Christian Science" was reported this week from New York. She was a school teacher who had paid the "healers" ten dollars for each "treatment" until her money was gone as well as her health. She then cut her wrists in an effort to commit suicide.

The new church building at Georgetown was dedicated Sunday. Dr. W. T. Lowrey preached the dedication sermon. This is a plucky progressive band, and Pastor Eddleman is happy in the work. The fifth Sunday meeting of Copiah County Association was held here last week.

At a recent pure food dinner gotten up by the women students of Chicago University, who did the cooking themselves, it is said that a few hours later most of the guests and 154 of the girls were attacked with ptomaine poisoning. They had better practice on the lower animals.

Mrs. Bessie Russell, head of the industrial department at Mississippi Woman's College, reports that her branch of the institution is booming with the rest of the college. The average monthly expense for young women in the industrial department for board and laundry has been—hold your breath—only \$4.00!

The improvement in appearance of the Mississippi College campus is very evident. President Provine has not only graded the hill down to a beautiful level plat, but girded the place with concrete walks and put out new trees everywhere a place could be found. It is wonderful how much has been done with the limited funds.

Brother Wayne Sutton was missed at the commencement of Brier Hill school. Prof. Roy Nobles has had a good year and they wish him to remain. The editor preached the commencement sermon and Dr. Watkins, president of Millsaps, delivered the address. This community sends a fine class of boys and girls to college regularly.

The school building at the orphanage, which was burned last week, had \$1,000 insurance. A better building will be constructed as soon as the money is in sight. This building was the old Lou Moore cottage. Most of the furniture was saved, and the insurance will nearly cover the loss. The school will be continued a short time in the chapel, but will probably close soon. The trustees will meet next week.

No publication has done so much to keep the South's resources and possibilities before the world as the Manufacturer's Record, published at Baltimore. The editor, Richard H. Edmonds, brought out on March twenty-seventh a special number showing that the nation's prosperity rests on the South. It is full of such information as everybody interested in industrial development ought to have.

The Second church Sunday School, Jackson, made their special offering to Home and Foreign Missions last Sunday, amounting to about \$112. The First church Sunday School will make theirs next Sunday, having a special program. The Clinton Sunday School will also make their special offering next Sunday. The Anding Sunday School, where Brother C. N. Callahan is pastor, gave \$5. Reports will doubtless be good from many others.

The Madras, India Mail, furnishes this interesting bit of news: "On New Year's eve a very interesting ceremony took place at Seram-

por, near Culcutta, when the Anglican Bishop of Dornakal baptized by immersion in the River Hooghly two young men, one of them a Brahmin graduate preparing for the M. A. degree, and admitted them into the Christian church. It was the very same spot where William Carey, the famous missionary, had baptized the first Indian convert."

It is impossible for one visiting Clarke Memorial College at Newton not to be impressed with the seriousness of purpose that dwells in every member of the student body. There are few youths or girls. Most of them are young men and young women. And they are there with a purpose. In their veins flows the healthy red blood which comes from life close to the whispering pines and the mellow soil. Their spirits have not been warped or cramped by an artificial urban existence. There is the heritage of power if they will but claim it.

Sunday School Secretary J. E. Byrd was with the First church, Jackson, two days last week, and along with the other churches on East side took a census of the East side of town. Six hundred people were found who ought to be in this Sunday school and are not. An effort will be made to bring them in. Miss Hull, formerly a pastor's assistant in Kansas City, has been employed in this work. On Sunday morning the school was graded. Superintendent O. B. Taylor is putting his time and thought into his office and results are evident and gratifying.

The Bible department in Mississippi College has developed in the last few years. Much credit is due to Dr. H. F. Sprolen, who gave the last and best years of his life to it. It needs building up to still larger proportions. At Millsaps (Methodist) College the best degrees for graduation cannot be obtained without at least one year of Bible study. In Jackson College (colored Baptist) every class must have one hour a day in Bible instruction. This department ought to be second to none in a Christian school. In our college there are this year nearly ninety young preachers, many of whom will never go to the Seminary.

Rev. N. R. Stone, at present pastor at Water Valley, will on May first assume his duties as co-president, with Prof. M. R. Bush, of Clarke Memorial College. This should prove a most profitable and agreeable arrangement. Prof. Bush has stood manfully the burden and heat of the day and knows the problems and trials of the college better than any man. Brother Stone comes with a heart full of love of the work and enthusiasm for it. His head is as full of plans as his heart of good-will. The alloy of solidity and zeal produced by the union of these two strong men can but work good for the college and for the advancement of God's Kingdom. Brethren, we wish you God-speed and pledge you our hearty support.

CONTRIBUTED ARTICLES

WHY THEY CANNOT UNITE.

Article Four.

(I am writing in plain facts for plain people).

Another point of difference between Methodists and Baptists, which forbids an honest person of either church joining the other without a real change of belief, is the difference between them as to what baptism is as a rite, and what is effected by it. Methodists say that baptism is a sacrament, and that a sacrament is "a certain sign of grace, and of God's good will toward us, by the which He doth work invisibly in us, and doth not only quicken but also strengthen and confirm our faith in Him."—Discipline, page 19. Now Baptists hold that baptism is not a sacrament at all, but simply an ordinance; and that God does not work in us either visibly or invisibly by baptism, but by His Holy Spirit. Neither do Baptists baptize that God may, in any way, work in the baptized by the ordinance and quicken and strengthen and confirm their faith in Him through it, but simply to obey His command as obedient children. Baptists hold that the blessing received by those baptized are not the results of God's working invisibly in those receiving the rite by the ordinance itself, but instead that they are the blessings of God bestowed upon His children, by the Holy Spirit, as an expression of His appreciation of their love and loyal obedience to His Word.

Baptists hold that there is no virtue in baptism as a rite, nor blessing conferred through it; but instead that it is a testing rite, to test the reality of our love and show that love to the world through our obedience. Christ said, "If a man love me he will keep my words."—John 14:23. So this ordinance is a test of love, a profession of faith, an expression of a converted, obedient spirit; and a symbol of union with Christ through faith in Him and of the perfect cleansing and renewing work of the Holy Spirit in us and of our death to the old life of sin and resurrection to the new life of righteousness in Christ Jesus. That is all. But this is God's appreciation of loving, loyal obedience that Jesus said, "If ye love me keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another comforter, that He may abide with you forever."—John 14:15-16. See also verses 21 and 23.

You can see clearly the difference between the two denominations on this point, consequently can see that no honest, intelligent person of either church can unite with the other without a real change of faith or doctrine. Intelligence cannot stultify itself, neither can the best act the hypocrite.

But if you will turn to pages 227, 228 of the discipline you will see that the Methodists hold that John 3:5, which says "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit he cannot enter the kingdom of God,"

teaches that except a person is regenerated and baptized he cannot enter into the kingdom of God; and that they also hold that no person is received of God and washed with "the heavenly washing" until baptized. The discipline instructs the preacher when baptizing to pray: "We call upon Thee for these persons now to be baptized; receive them, O Lord, as Thou hast promised by Thy well beloved Son, saying, Ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you; so give now to us that ask; let us who seek, find; open the gate to us that knock; that these persons may enjoy everlasting benediction of Thy heavenly washing, and may come to the eternal kingdom which Thou hast promised by Christ our Lord." Now you can see that if the "heavenly washing" had been previously received such language would be inappropriate. Put this by the side of the statement on page 227, in which the preacher is instructed to say to the church concerning those to be baptized, "Dearly beloved, forasmuch as all men are conceived and born in sin, (and that which is born of the flesh is flesh, and they that are in the flesh, cannot please God, but live in sin, committing many actual transgressions) and that our Savior Christ saith, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God; I beseech you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of His bounteous goodness He will grant to these persons that which by nature they cannot have; that they may be baptized with water and the Holy Ghost, and received into Christ's holy church, and be made lively members of the same." This is for the baptism of adults. You can readily see that it is implied that those to be baptized had not been baptized with the Holy Ghost, nor received into "Christ's holy church." If they had been then the instruction would be out of place. Now Baptists hold that no one should be baptized until he professes to have already received "the heavenly washing," regeneration; and that the prayer for such as are being baptized should be that they may "walk in newness of life" to the glory of God. As Baptists see it, the Holy Spirit with the blood of Christ does "the heavenly washing" independent of any and all outward acts performed by the person himself or administered to him by others, and that the sole acts on the human side through which the blessings are received are "repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ." Baptism is simply a symbol. Nothing more. But it is the God-given test of loyalty and love. Therefore, he who says, "I will not be baptized" shows a lack of both loyalty and love, consequently a lack of regeneration. Christ said, "He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me."—John 14:21.

You see the great difference between the two denominations on these things. Are they final? Exceedingly so when it comes to the question of sanctioning or endorsing them when one does not believe them. A man cannot knowingly sanction what he believes to be unscriptural, if he loves God. It is not the question of interfering with another's faith that is involved, but the question of one's own honesty before God. If the language of the discipline means what it implies, then no honest, intelligent Baptist can possibly join a church the joining of which makes him at least appear to sanction such doctrine unless he actually comes to believe it. Neither can an honest Methodist, who really believes that baptism is "a sacrament," and that by it God "doth work invisibly in us, and doth not only quicken, but also strengthen and confirm our faith in Him," possibly, honestly, join the Baptists without a change of belief.

I am giving you these studies that you may see how utterly impossible it is for honest, intelligent people to change churches at pleasure, also that you may see the barriers in the way of "church union" and "church federation." It is written, "Provide things honest in the sight of all men."

This thing of changing churches to be with husband or wife, or mother or friend, is one of the most serious things to contemplate. If one's understanding of doctrine changes so as to bring him or her into harmony with the church of husband or wife, etc., a change is the right thing, but to change churches and not believe the doctrines of the church one joins is hypocrisy before God.

E. L. Wesson.

New Albany, Miss.

THE PILOT OF DESTINY.

"The steps of a good man are (directed, established) ordered by the Lord; and He delights in his ways." See 37:23-29 Ps. The wicked usurps the privilege of directing his own steps. God permits him freedom. The righteous select Jehovah as their guardian and pilot. The wicked order their own steps, but subject themselves to the influence of the devil. "Led captive at his will." "But," says the righteous, "thou shalt guide me by thy counsel, and afterward receive me into glory." Man is incompetent to guide himself. No ship can guide itself into port. No star manufactures its own light. "Without me," said Christ, "ye can do nothing." Said Paul, "I can do all things through Him that strengthens me." The Lord is strength and wisdom unto the righteous. As to the wicked, "They know not what they do."

1. Every step in life indicates the intention of the pedestrian. The steps toward the saloon say, "drink!" The steps toward the church say, "worship." God first makes a man righteous, and then He orders his steps. Steps cannot make a man righteous, but they X-ray his heart. Jehovah orders the life he gives, but the unregenerated move in this world as blind horses. They have eyes in total darkness. Eyes are useless organs where there is no light. But "God is light." All light in our solar sys-

tem comes from our sun. All light in God's Kingdom springs from His Son. Where art thou going, O man? I am going where my steps lead me. How came Paul to go to Rome? The church at Antioch set him apart to the mission work. How did it happen that that church undertook that work? The Holy Spirit ordered it. When the Spirit urged the church to send, He impressed Paul to go. "The earth and the fullness thereof are the Lord's" therefore He supplied Paul with a ticket on Caesar's ship. Paul's "steps were ordered by the Lord." Jehovah does not permit His children to go at their own will. The Holy Ghost would not let Paul at a certain time go into Asia to preach the gospel. The parties then determined to go into Bithynia but "the Holy Spirit suffered them not." But the Lord ordered their feet to Macedonia. "Man's heart deviseth his way; but the Lord directs his steps." "The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the Lord."

God directs the feet of His children in the severest trials. Wickedness prevailed in Babylon, but God won the victory. Elijah was outnumbered, but he held the battlefield. A wicked heart devised the burning of Shadrack, Meshack and Abednego. But Jehovah not only ordered their steps, but He came down and walked with them in the fire. The flames would not hurt their Creator, neither would they interrupt His friends who walked with Him. When our steps are ordered by the Lord there is no danger ahead. God's love never shines brighter than at midnight. He sent Israel into dark Egypt. But He did not forsake them. Job lived nearer God in his awful afflictions than did Solomon on the throne. Bunyan did more for the world in Bedford jail than Elizabeth did on England's throne. Paul was a greater man with his head on Nero's block under the executioner's ax than was Nero at the head of the Roman empire. Greatness is not position, but it is nearness to God. It is better to be a shepherd boy on his knees with his sling in his hand than a Goliath at the head of a great army with his armor, shield and helmet. God directs the humble and takes care of the meek, and saves the penitent, but the ungodly build their own furnaces and furnish the fuel. The divine steps are the first fruits from heaven's garden.

The only perfect life on earth was that of Jesus Christ, and none ever lived so close to God as He. Divinity directed His steps. Although He was divine, He had to take many dark steps. Yet He was made "perfect through suffering." The writer has been praying that his life may not set in a cloud. But the best man of earth died in earthquakes, rending of rocks, and darkness over the earth. "Even so, Father, for it seemed good in Thy sight." Amen, amen. "Where He leads me I will follow." "I will go, dear Father, where Thou wilt have me to go."

When the Father would have Jesus to go to the cross, "He set His face to go to Jerusalem." He did not consider consequences because the "Lord ordered His steps." David's walk through the valley

and the shadow of death was all right because of his company. "Thou art with me." Enoch walked with God and God took him to dwell with Him in heavenly mansions. Job says: "Thou numberest my steps." Why does God number a man's steps? Because every one takes him nearer his home. God takes care of each. "None of his steps shall slide." God delights in the ways of those with whom He walks. Our Lord walked with such men as Abel, Seth, Noah, Abraham, Josiah, Elijah, Elisha, John, Paul and others. Those with whom God walks are successes. The Master said to His disciples as He was leaving the earth, "I will be with you always." This promise was not given to the world. We can walk with God now. The Master walks with His children, but they must drink the

Cup that the Father gives. Jesus said, "I and my Father are one." He in unity walked with His Father. But the Father gave Him a cup of which He must drink. It was the cup of love veiled in darkness.

It might be a question, which got the most out of the death of the cross—man, or Christ? Man gets salvation; Christ gets "Glory to God in the highest." "He saw the travail of His soul, and was glad." Man is the receiver. Jesus is the giver. Our Lord said, "It is more blessed to give than it is to receive." His glory in His redemption of man and reconciliation to God will eclipse man's salvation. All glory and honor to Him Who sitteth on the throne. The cup of Gethsemane and the cross are sweeter than salvation around the throne. Paul's glory was greater in the cross than it was in the crown. But there is a cup of sorrow and a crown of glory for each redemption. The Master's cup is our cup. "I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how am I straightened until it is accomplished?" "Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass." But for this very purpose He came. "O, my Father, if this cup may not pass from me, except I drink it, Thy will be done," was His second prayer. Prior He had "set His face to go to Jerusalem" for the purpose of drinking of this cup. For this express purpose He came into the world. James and John with their mother came to Him to make a request of Him that the two sons should sit on His right and left in the Kingdom. He referred them to His cup and to His baptism, the two elements in the Lord's Supper. Both of which refer to His suffering on the cross. Baptism is an overwhelming in sufferings. Referring to His sufferings He said: "I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how am I straitened until it is accomplished?" Also the cup was a prophecy of the same cup for which He prayed in the garden of Gethsemane that the Father would let it pass. There was sorrow in its pain, but there was joy in the results. The baptism crushed His heart, so He died, but the resurrection brought the sweet perfume of justification. "He rose for our justification." Crushing the grape brings the sweet wine. The crucible brings the pure gold. His cup brought joy to the world. All civilization comes through the cup of the cross. Our benevolent institutions come through the cross. Had the cup

passed, we would never have had an asylum, sanitarium, orphanage, nor home for the aged. The Father in wisdom turned the feet of Jesus to the cup of Calvary. We all have cups of which to drink. Some of sorrow and some of pleasure. It may seem that it was strange that Jesus asked that His cup might pass. But we must remember that His feet had been directed to the cup of all men. Therefore, He was called the Son of Man—the Son of all men: God sends every man to his destined cup. To the good there is joy beyond the cup. Paul drank his cup at Nero's block. But the crown is won and delivered "at that day." The cup is between the steps and the crown of glory. The steps may be through blood, pain and death, but victory is beyond.

J. W. Lipsey.

Memphis, Tenn.

A REMINDER TO ALL SOUTHERN BAPTISTS.

Dear brethren and sisters:

Did you read my proposition which was published last week? It seems to me a matter of tremendous importance to our foreign mission work. The proposition was for each one of us to begin every morning during April with an earnest prayer for God's blessing on the work of the board and on the campaign for raising the greatly needed funds for the work, and then to lay aside each day some special gift, whether large or small, which will be over and above our regular contributions. Did you begin doing these two things on the first of April? If not, it is not too late to begin now. If at least ten thousand of our people are sufficiently interested in maintaining our foreign mission work this year, to thus pray and give, we believe that April will be the greatest month in the history of Southern Baptists. Such a combination of prayer and effort will accomplish the splendid task which lies before us.

Up to the 26th of March the total receipts of the board were \$225,789. This leaves \$394,210 still to be raised. It is a large task, but not at all beyond the ability of our people. Let us determine by God's help that it shall be accomplished.

Up to this date the board has received from Mississippi \$7,710. This leaves \$34,290 still to come. Brethren, we are counting on you. Let us all pray and work for victory on April 30th.

J. J. Willingham.

Foreign Mission Room, Richmond, Va.

VICTORY OR DEFEAT—WHICH?

Intense and strenuous effort must everywhere be made through every hour of the remaining time by Southern Baptists if victory is to crown our efforts at the close of the last day of this month (April).

Fellow workers in Mississippi, let's see to it that our State shall do her part. I set this as my vow and ask you to join me in it. "If victory comes I will bear a humble share of its joys. If defeat, no part of the blame shall lie at my door."

T. J. Moore.

Purvis, Miss.

Send twenty-five cents for a sample copy of The New Evangel, or The World Evangel. These are the best song books. Stamps taken. The Baptist Record, Jackson, Miss.

MISSION SECTION

OUR NEW MISSIONARY.

Having promised a large number of friends throughout Mississippi that they should go through me, of the work in China, to claim the privilege of your valuable paper to report our reception in Wuchow.

Arriving Hong Kong January 28, we were met at the pier by Dr. and Mrs. Hayes of our new Mission, who welcomed our coming with open arms, as they were unable to carry on the hospital work alone. After a night's rest we reached Canton for breakfast with Mrs. Graves and Miss Mary Anderson at the Baptist Compound. We spent a very happy day meeting the missionaries and seeing something of the work in Canton. Then turned our faces toward Wuchow, our baggage having left by boat early in the morning we went by train to "Sam" where after a mile's walk across a dry and a lunch, which was packed by Mrs. Graves hospitable hands, we overtook the boat at eight p. m. A night and half day's journey up the West river through very picturesque scenery brought us to Wuchow. We were met at the landing by a delegation of native Christians, among them the pastor and a deacon of the Wuchow Baptist church, Doctors Wong and Ugoh and three boy nurses of the Stout Memorial hospital. They extended very cordial greeting, and said to Dr. Hays that the native Christians had arranged a reception in honor to be given at the hospital that evening. "would we be pleased to come?" We accepted with pleasure.

As we entered the "Mission Homes," we were greeted by the smiling faces of Misses Rea and Harlett, who welcomed us to a part in the work here, in the Master's name.

We went to the reception that night with the other workers and two Christian "coolies" bearing in their hands small lanterns to light a rough and winding path through the dark and narrow city streets. We found a lower ward at the hospital converted into a reception room, gaily decorated with lanterns and festoons of red and green paper. Over the altar were hung large American and Chinese flags, connected by a crimson cross, showing that the Chinese appreciate the power that brings the missionaries to them.

When the missionaries entered the hall, the people stood and clapped their hands, to bid us welcome. The pastor read the "parable of the talents" and they stood and sang a few American audiences can, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (all, of course in Chinese). Several familiar hymns were sung by the different Sunday School classes. Dr. Wong delivered, in Chinese, an address of welcome, to which I responded by Dr. Hayes interpreting; then a visiting teacher led in a very fervent prayer for God's blessing upon the missionary cause. After a little stir the women

came in bearing trays with several kinds of small cakes, candies and native grown oranges. The little children's eyes shown with delight but they sat quietly until they were served. The pastor then invited the men to come forward to be introduced to me and the women followed timidly to meet Mrs. Leavell.

This closed our first day in Wuchow, where we shall strive with His help to relieve suffering bodies and to bring many to the Savior Whom we love and in Whose name we are here.

May you have abundant success in all things in His name.

Yours very fraternally,
Geo. W. Leavell.

Wuchow, China, "West River."

THE LAYMAN'S HOUR.

Why?

First, there never was an hour in all the past when the layman had the ear of the people as he has it now. The pastor studies to put forward and to give him all possible encouragement and support. It is becoming fashionable for a layman to be zealous in the kingdom.

Second, enlarging opportunities beckon him, inviting fields at home and abroad, white unto harvest, call for the investment of Christian manhood. Large and noble yet difficult enterprises appeal to his manly and heroic spirit. Conditions stimulate the layman to become great in the kingdom of God.

Third, material prosperity adds its challenge. Large investment of time, thought, talent and treasure in the enterprises of God is to be the salvation of the thrifty layman from the withering blight of greed and commercialism. Let us have more man while we have more money. God is willing that men get money but not willing that money get men.

"Ill fares the land to hastening ills a prey,
Where wealth accumulates and men decay."

Fourth, the crisis that now faces our two mission boards furnishes the layman an unprecedented opportunity to demonstrate his capacity. Its appeal, "Awake! awake! put on thy strength!" should arouse every layman in our Zion.

Practical Suggestions.

First, when a layman is a regular weekly contributor to these boards, let him make a liberal thank offering before April 30th. God's bounteous favor upon him calls for such expression.

Second, if not a weekly contributor, he should prayerfully consider his obligation and then "quit himself like a man."

Third co-operate with his pastor in bringing his own church up to and beyond its apportionment before April 30th.

Fourth, unite with every other brother who "has a mind to work" in bringing his district association up to its apportionment. Here is our chief field. This may be done by judicious correspondence with the leaders, personal interviews with key men, wide distribution of mission envelopes with a stirring appeal printed on the back, personal visitation and urgent public appeal. Zealous committees in every church to see that the envelopes are well distributed, to fix a day to gather them in, to create missionary sentiment, and to see that every member has a pressing appeal to do his duty, will guarantee success.

Will every layman who may read these words do his utmost in this crisis?

If April 30th should find the debts of both boards paid, it will be one of the greatest occasions for rejoicing and thanksgiving that Southern Baptists have ever known. Will every layman do his duty?

J. T. Henderson, Gen. Sec.

HOW OUR FINANCES STAND.

B. D. Gray, Corresponding Secretary.

We have one month to settle the question for this year. The thirty days of April must be used wisely and well if we meet our obligations. Up to the 15th of March we had received something less than \$100,000, or not quite one-fourth of the \$412,000 needed for the year. Up to that time Mississippi had given \$3,677.14 of her apportionment of \$31,000, leaving \$27,322.86 yet to be raised.

From all the states something near \$300,000 must be raised during April. That means \$10,000 a day. It is a large sum but it is not large compared with our ability. Southern Baptists could raise it in one Sunday if they would get all their forces under the task. How easy it will be to raise this amount if we go about it prayerfully, earnestly, with a holy determination and with the combined effort of our people.

Large Gifts and Thank-Offerings.

Many of our strong churches must come with large gifts. If they fail in this the success of our campaign will be seriously jeopardized. A dozen churches of the South are amply able without being hurt at all to give \$5,000 each. As many more ought to give \$2,500 each and there are one hundred churches that can easily give \$1,000 with others to follow in smaller amounts of \$500, \$250 and \$100. In all these cases it will be necessary for a few individuals blessed of God to take the lead with large individual gifts and to do personal work to enlist the membership of the churches. Preliminary work of this sort before the day of the public offering will guarantee success.

There are hundreds of our brethren and sisters who have been graciously blessed of God with material prosperity. It would be so befitting for them to make a thank-offering to God for His mercies and blessings. Recount your mercies, brethren, and from thankful and glad hearts make some noble extra offerings to Home Missions just now.

Self-Denial Thank-Offerings from Our Women.

March was the great month for the study of Home Missions by our women and for self-denial thank-offerings to our work. Of course, hundreds and hundreds of societies did not complete their offerings during March. Let them do so at once in April.

Sunday School Mission Day, March 30th.

Sunday School mission day, March 30th, was to be observed by the Sunday Schools as mission day for Home and Foreign Missions. Wherever the schools failed to make their offering on that day let them seize the first Sunday in April and join the Sunday School forces in laying their gifts for Home and Foreign Missions on the altar of the Lord.

Concrete Cases for Contributions.

The best way to give is to give for the general cause of Home Missions and let the board disburse the money according to the needs of the various fields as they see it. However, people are oftentimes stimulated to generous and hearty giving by a concrete object. Pastors and laymen as well as our women and young people might use the following:

\$700 is the average annual salary for the principal of a mountain school.

\$600 is the average appropriation per school of our board to the mountain schools.

\$360 is the average salary of the teachers.

\$7.00 a month is the average cost for a boy's board.

\$6.00 is the average cost per month of board for a girl.

The Home Board's part in the support of our joint missionaries varies from \$500 to \$250, \$100 and \$50.

\$300 a year supports a student missionary in our Cuban-American school in Havana.

\$25 will pay the average tuition per pupil in our mission schools in Cuba.

Let churches and individuals in this campaign select according to their ability some of these objects and raise the necessary sum. Of course, the board has had to borrow the money to pay these workers from month to month. Now, let our churches and individuals, our societies and our Sunday Schools make their selection and raise the amount necessary.

A Final Word.

It is impossible thirty days before the year closes to forecast with certainty what the outcome may be; but, notwithstanding our receipts are smaller than they were at this time last year and our appropriations are much greater, we are trying to hope that we may reach the close of the year without a burdensome debt. The forces seem to be well organized, our laymen are concerned as never before, our pastors from every direction are writing with encouragement. They seem determined to bring the campaign to a successful issue. For these reasons and because we are trying to rely on God to give us the victory we are hopeful as to the outcome. May God lead us and bring to our people the greatest spirit of generosity we have ever known. A failure to meet

our obligations now would imperil the success of our work beyond calculation. We must not fail! If we look to God and unitedly put ourselves to the task victory will come.

"THAT LITTLE PONGEE GOWN" AND "ANNIE DOWD."

The following article taken from a paper published in Montrovia, Cal., the home of Miss Files, is by Mr. Fort, a resident of Boston:

"Annie Dowd is dead after a life of philanthropy and practical usefulness. With honors thick upon her, and conscious of not having lived in vain, she passed away on West Palm avenue last week. Her work was in the missionary field and for six years Annie gave enough money to a Japanese mission, near Tokio, to send a Japanese girl to a Christian missionary school for six months each year. It was a generous trait in Annie to send money to christianize the heathen. Annie Dowd was a Rhode Island hen, and her mistress gave the proceeds of the eggs laid by Annie to the missionary school in Japan. This remarkable hen was seven years old, and laid an egg nearly every day for six and one-half years. During the moulting period Annie rested a few weeks. Her mission was to lay eggs for the missionary school and she never seemed to halt in the good work. It cost \$20 a year to send a Jap girl to this mission school, and Annie's eggs yearly brought a little over \$10.

"Here lies a hen who did some good.

With ne'er a strut or shout;

And when she died it could be said

That Annie was laid out."

The aim of "That Little Pongee Gown" and that of "Annie Dowd" is parallel. If Miss Files, a shut-in, could by means of her Rhode Island hen, support a girl in Miss Annie Dowd's Japanese home what may we not do for these same little girls by means of "That Little Pongee Gown?"

A Methodist lady read the book to her Presbyterian husband and they both decided that they would have to support a girl in this far-away home.

Mrs. "F," from Mississippi, writes: "My little twelve-year-old daughter read 'That Little Pongee Gown' and was delighted with it. I shall certainly endeavor to sell many for the home."

A Baptist preacher writes: "If you have any more copies of 'That Little Pongee Gown' please send one to Mrs. M. I enclose fifty cents. That is the sweetest little story I ever read. I expect to keep the copy I have circulating among my people all the year. Do get everybody to read it if you can."

The first edition having been exhausted a new one has been brought out by the Presbyterian committee of publication at Texarkana, Ark.-Tex., where all orders will be promptly filled. Price, fifty cents.

A Co-Worker.

PASTORS IN THE SUNFLOWER ASSOCIATION.

The pastors in the Sunflower Association are aware of the fact that the time for the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention is not very far away and therefore the books of the secretary of foreign missions will soon be closed. There is left to us just one month until the convention meets, and if we would be among those who are laboring to go to the convention without a deficit we will have to take advantage of the time.

In all probability many have made their offerings already, but if not may I ask that you see that your churches have an opportunity to give to foreign missions within the next four weeks. I notice that there are 24 churches in the association and the amount reported last year at the association for foreign missions was \$404.61. Likely there were some churches which contributed which did not report, but if there are any in that class it is hoped that it will not be so at the next association. If your church did not make an offering, prevail upon it to fall in line and make an offering of which it will be proud. Not every member in a church will give but some in most every church will give if the matter is properly presented.

There are many reasons why we should give to foreign missions, but the chiefest one is because the Lord has commanded us to give the gospel to the world. May you and your noble hands do heroically for this cause.

L. F. Gregory,
Assn. Rep. of Foreign Missions.

CASH CONTRIBUTIONS TO MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE.

Brought forward from last week, \$1,367.75. Mrs. Eunice Rateliff Ford \$25, J. H. Kite New Haven church, \$5; A. N. Brewer, Norfield, \$10; basket collection Fellowship church \$10; Dr. L. S. Rogers, West church, \$10; W. A. Eubanks, Pleasant Ridge church, \$5.00; A. A. Metherson, Vaiden, \$25; A. A. Kaigler, Vaiden, \$5; A. W. Stroud, Sturgis, \$5; Mt. Moriah church, 5c; W. L. Elkin, Pheba, \$5; French Camp basket collection, 90c; Water Valley basket collection, \$6.25; Bethel church basket collection, \$1.40; M. E. Williams, Bethel church, \$5; G. R. Woods, Water Valley, \$2.50; Mrs. J. L. Alvis, Holly Springs, \$20; Oxford basket collection, \$3.60; Taylor church basket collection, \$2.60; Miss Fannie May Hargis, Oxford, \$5; Mrs. S. J. Moore, Oxford, \$10; Mrs. R. R. Eades, Oxford, \$10; Prof. L. J. Farley, Oxford, \$25. Total to March 28, \$1,545.96.

Good reports come of the services at the First church, Jackson, last Sunday. Large congregations and ten received into the membership of the church, five of them by baptism.

THINGS OF THE KINGDOM

G. S. Jenkins: "We had 108 in Sunday School yesterday and gave \$50.21 for missions. The two boards gave for \$25.00. A great Sunday School this year."

Rev. J. H. Lane McComb: We just closed one of the best meetings South McComb has enjoyed for years. Elder J. L. Low, of Ellisville, did the preaching, and we had 42 accessions and a general uplift in the membership.

Brother J. B. Perry, superintendent Sunday School, Grenada: The First Baptist church of Grenada is prepared to take care of the Sunday School Convention on April 15th. We expect and desire a representative from each school in Mississippi north of the A. & V. railroad. Visitors are please write W. W. Garner when they are here and he will arrange homes for them.

C. C. Pugh, pastor: Everything moving along beautifully with us. Our campaign for Home and Foreign Missions is now on, and we hope to sustain a record in spite of other heavy drains. Beginning the first of April we plan to enter upon an evangelistic campaign which may run through the month. Our purpose is to let the Spirit do the work through the pastor and members of the church. We confidently expect a great refreshing from the Lord. . . . The 10th Sunday meeting of the Copiah County Association will be held with the church at Georgetown, beginning Friday night, March 28.

Pastor M. J. Erick: Good for French Camp! On the fourth Sunday in March Brother Mayfield was with us at French Camp. We got for Mississippi College endowment \$767.40. Then in the afternoon we went to Mount Moriah and secured \$100.05, making for the day \$867.45. I have set \$500 as the figure for French Camp and \$1,000 for Ackerman. Now since French Camp has so far overstepped my figures, we'll have to raise our mark for the two places to \$2,000. My work at both places is doing very well. We organized a prayer meeting in January at French Camp and in February a Women's U. both of which are doing excellent work.

W. E. Tyner: The Baptist Record is the one necessary help in every department of church work. The members of the denominational organ are generally in sympathy with and responsive to the needs of every denominational enterprise. The regular reading of the paper is very effective in pointing to the inspired pages of God's Holy Book, and prepares the readers the better for the reception of the Gospel. Is it not then important that in every church there be an organized effort to put The Record in every family in every way related to the church? I am ready to assist pastors and churches in this effort in series of revival meetings that shall cost you nothing but my expenses. Write me for further information.

Rev. W. J. Beck: A thing happened at Byhalia last week that gratified the pastor greatly. The church a week before the usual church day, took up of their own accord the matter of taking a collection for Home and Foreign Missions. Two young ladies made a canvass of the entire membership and secured quite a nice subscription. I have been in the pastorate nearly twenty years and have never had this to occur before. I have the same work this year that I had last—two Sundays at Holly Springs, one at Byhalia and Hardy. I am greatly enjoying my work in all these churches. No pastor was ever treated more kindly by all

the people than I am. I thank God for His goodness in giving me such churches to serve.

A. G. Kelly, church clerk, Tchula, Miss.: Brother Suttle, of Clinton, Miss., preached for us at 11 o'clock. We had a good service. There was a call meeting for all of the Baptists to meet at 3 o'clock p. m. to organize a Baptist church. The meeting was called to order by Brother Suttle, officers elected as follows: Brother W. L. Pierce, moderator; Brother A. G. Kelly, clerk; other officers to be elected at our next meeting which will be on the third Sunday in April. Brother Suttle was called as pastor to serve us in our new work. We humbly ask the prayers of all the people in our new work that we may succeed in our undertaking. . . . We had service last night at 7:30 o'clock with a large attendance and everybody seemed to enjoy it.

S. T. Courtney, Cascilla, Miss.: The church house at Cascilla was blown down by the storm of the 13th instant. The organ, lamps, seats, in fact, everything is a loss, but the lumber; we can sell that for something. We had just finished paying for our pastor's home at a cost of \$800. The next Sunday after the storm the congregation met at the school house and after a sermon by the pastor, the church in conference decided to begin at once a new and better building. The Sunday School is evergreen, never going into winter quarters. The ladies' aid society meets every Monday afternoon. . . . This is a half-time church. Rev. J. D. Rice was pastor for nearly thirty years. He is a member of the church, and no member of any church is more loyal to his pastor than he.

Brother Jas. N. Welch, of Seminary: On Saturday before the third Sunday in March our pastor, Brother J. T. Dale, asked Brother N. L. Robertson, who holds membership with us in the Old Leaf River church, to preach. Brother Robertson used for the theme of his message Mark 13:37: "What I say unto you I say unto all, watch." A very appropriate subject at this time when so many are going into sin and error. . . . Brother Robertson was baptized into the fellowship of this church nearly sixty-seven years ago. He was ordained here a few years later, and has never been absent many years at a time. His grandfather organized the church and was its first pastor. . . . You can imagine how impressive this service was upon all present. He stated this would probably be his last message from the pulpit to us. May the remainder of his life be full of happiness and the peace that passeth all understanding.

Mrs. Bessie Russell: Immanuel Baptist Woman's Missionary Society under the leadership of our faithful president, Mrs. A. L. O'Bryant, has reached the standard of excellence and ladies observed the week of prayer and self-denial. The first of January we made our offering for China that week, which was good. We have just finished our offering for Home Missions, which was largely in advance of last year. Our Sunday School under the leadership of our faithful and efficient superintendent, President J. L. Johnson, is growing in interest and increasing in numbers every week. In connection with our society we have a mission study class which is giving to our ladies a fine opportunity led by our faithful pastor, Brother O'Bryant. We expect to take up our work for our Foreign Mission offering next Monday. We are praying and planning for large contributions for Foreign Missions. We are praying, hoping and trusting that the convention will go to St. Louis

out of debt this year. Our beloved Mrs. J. L. Johnson, Jr., has a very large Y. W. A., and is doing a fine work for our girls in Mississippi Woman's College. I think every girl in the college is a member of the Y. W. A. 'Tis very inspiring to see the reports of the work being done over the State by our Ladies' Missionary societies.

SOME FACTS ABOUT THE BAPTIST HOSPITAL.

1. Owing to the fact that we have so little room, and hence are so crowded, it is very important that all physicians and others bringing patients for treatment arrange with hospital authorities for keeping patients before bringing them to the hospital, otherwise you may be turned away after arrival from lack of room.
2. We are so limited in room and money that we are able to do at present very little charity work, and when done at all it must be real charity work. We hope later to make charity work a leading feature in the hospital.
3. At present we must bend our energies in this direction of funds with which to erect and equip our proposed new building. The need for these is urgent and even paramount, for without these we can do very little work of any kind.

"HOPE THE ANCHOR OF THE SOUL"

It has been written, "There is something stronger than words, deeper than tears and more wonderful than wisdom." It is hope. Of all the graces that make up the beautiful life hope is the most inspiring and enduring. Faith takes us up on the mountain top and gives a view of all the glories of earth and heaven, but Hope enables us to pick our way among the thorns and brambles as we pass through the valley of disappointment. It is like the balm of Gilead to the bruised and bleeding heart that is ready to sink in despair and is the bright and glorious star that guides from the vale of shadows to the pearly gates of the New Jerusalem.

A youth with his pilgrim staff stood on the threshold of his home. He had bidden farewell to his weeping sisters and his kind old father. Now he is holding his mother's hand—the hand that had so many times ministered to his comfort, and had so oft soothed his burning brow in that long spell of illness. Now he looked at her tenderly, lovingly and said in a choking voice, "My dearest wish is to be able some day to give you all the comforts and show you that I appreciate your unwearied kindness."

"My dear boy," she said, "always remember that your mother is praying for you, but when disappointments come—as come they must—don't be discouraged. Keep a brave heart and endeavor to overcome them. In a word, my son, cling to Hope and it will prove an inspiration and a blessing."

Weeks pass and the young man is leading a busy life in a far distant city. He has had to endure many struggles and hardships; his employer is very exacting; his salary is small and he yearns for the old home. He remembers, though, his mother's parting words and will not yield to depressing circumstances.

Step by step he climbs the hill of Difficulty until he attains his desire, and provides for the dear ones who have been watching and praying for his success.

There is something so attractive in a brave struggle for independence and position; to meet the stress of life with enthusiasm and determination is what makes the strong character. So long as we are animated by a cheerful outlook for the future, the storms of adversity cannot for long depress. It is only when we yield to despair that the anchor of Faith drags, and the star of Hope is blotted from our sky.

Storms may task the troubled sea,
The billows high may ride,
I'll trust my guiding star to see,
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Dr. J. R. Sample, Summit: Brother Wesson's exegesis of Mark 1:8: "I indeed baptize you with water," etc., should be stored away in the mental scrap book for future use, for it is too valuable to be lost. He says "the expression is never used to show how the baptizing was done, but to contrast the baptism of John with the baptism of Christ." "John used water; Christ used the Spirit." I never saw that point before.

Pastor H. W. Provence preached a great sermon Sunday night on "A Fool's Estimate of Sin." It was a careful presentation on a much-needed subject.

The Huntsville (Tex.) Post-Item published at length the sermon by our Brother E. B. O'Pool on civic righteousness, using the text, "Thou shalt not steal." Also a handsome picture of the preacher who is pastor of the Baptist church there and along with other preachers and the moral forces is working for a clean city. May the Lord prosper them in the fight.

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All Societies of the State should send quarterly reports to Miss Margaret Lacky.
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"Be strong, all ye people of the land, saith Jehovah, and work."—Hag. 2:4.

NOTICE.

Societies will please send the amount for the "Literature Fund" (cents per member per annum) to the office Secretary, Mrs. Rhoda Enoch, Jackson, Mississippi. Please pay by money order or by bank exchange. Do not send personal checks.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

Did your society send in the questionnaire last week?

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Miss Marion Bankston, our intimate Y. W. A. leader, passed through Jackson last Thursday en route to Meridian, Laurel, Hattiesburg and other points where she will visit her "girls," giving encouragement and information. Wherever she goes she will take the sunshine of her presence and the inspiration of her charming and consecrated personality.

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The Jubilate number of "Our Mission Fields" has been received. It is a thing of beauty, both from a mechanical as well as an intellectual standpoint. No society can afford to go without it. No individual who is interested in the W. M. U. work in the least degree should think of going without it. Sister, if you are not a subscriber, send twenty cents to the headquarters, 15 West Franklin street, Baltimore, and get the year.

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At the regular monthly meeting of the Central Committee last Monday it was decided to request all funds intended for our training school to be sent direct to Miss Marion Bankston, Winona. It is the desire of the Y. W. A.'s to have two girls in the school this coming session. One of them will be Miss Child, who is there this year through the kindly endeavor of Mrs. McDuffie. Let all Y. W. A.'s take note of this.

Winona, Miss., Mar. 21, 1913.

Dear Y. W. A.'s:—
So often we comfort ourselves when we forget, or fail to do the thing we should, by saying: "Oh, I am just one and it won't count very much." Yes, you are just one of the little wheels in this great complicated machinery of the Woman's Missionary Union—and be-

cause you stopped, this system, so wonderful in its plan, lacked perfection and every part of it was weakened because that one little wheel stopped. Dear girl, was it you? Did you forget the meeting so important? or the offering—a thank-offering unto the Lord? or the report that was so necessary?

The Christmas and March literature, your apportionment cards, the convention minutes, the questionnaire, report blanks and a letter sometimes two or three, have gone out to each auxiliary. Each message has carried a loving thought from your leader, and the prayer that help and inspiration might come from the printed pages.

Many of you have responded so promptly with reports, answered questions and letters but some haven't said a single word. In a few short days the Convention report must be sent in and your share in the record left out because you failed to get in for the final count. Now, please don't wait another day. Write us about everything, the programs, the mission study, the offerings—all that you have or haven't done, since your last report. If you haven't received letters and literature, the address is not correct, so let us right that. Several of our number have written of their intention to go to the great Jubilate meeting so soon to be held in St. Louis and we hope others will decide to go.

New auxiliaries have been reported from following places: Maben, leader, Mrs. Wm. Shuffield; Hattiesburg First church, leader, Mrs. J. L. Farley; Poplarville, leader, Mrs. J. F. Culpepper; Newton, Mrs. Patterson; Natchez, Mrs. McDonald Watkins.

We have had sixteen new organizations since our State Convention but our hearts go out to the hundred and hundreds of churches that are sleeping on their rights. Won't you wake up and join us in this, the world's greatest movement—the enlistment of young people in the great missionary cause?

Our deep sympathy goes to those in the storm-swept districts and we have heard of noble relief work being done by some of our Y. W. A.'s in parts of the State where so much destruction was wrought. Again, let me urge an early answer to this

letter and assure you that it carries with it the love and best wishes of your leader.

Marion Bankston.

THINKING OF ONE'S WORK.

Life has many little cares which tend to distract and irritate us, and often cause us to forget our real work. It is well for us to have our minds fixed firmly on our task whatever it may be. The value of this is twofold: It will prevent us from being worried by little things over which we have no control, and also help us to concentrate our attention upon that which is vitally important. He who keeps his work in mind and loves it will be delivered from many temptations. Therefore,

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"I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord,
I'll be what you want me to be."

"The change did not all come at once. There were times when the old Emily flared out for an instant, and seemed to be the victor. Then we would see her lips move as she said to herself: 'I'll be what you want me to be, dear Lord,' and then the new Emily would smile at us, and beg our pardon. That is the Emily that we all love, and the Emily that attracted you the minute you came to our school, not her own, but the Emily that tries to do every day the will of her heavenly Father."

—Exchange.

SEMINARY LETTER.

This is a great day in Louisville among the church folk—that is, those who make much of the Easter celebration. Many of the churches are elaborately decorated with ferns and Easter lilies—and hats and

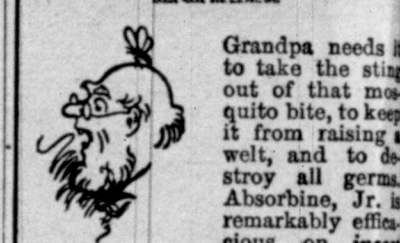


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gowns, this latter display, despite the fact that Boreas mutinied. It is always best, when possible, to assign church-goers a good motive. So let us say that these fair ladies on a cold day like this in their Easter goods, displayed at best, one element that is very essential in Christian character—courage. Don't analyze this too closely—it might not stand!

One of the most helpful courses out side of our regular Seminary work this year has been the Tuesday evening Y. M. C. A. services. These services have been conducted almost altogether by laymen—lawyers, doctors, railroad men, Sunday School superintendents, deacons and professional laymen workers of all classes. They have taken us into every field of Christian work and shown us its needs and how these needs should be met—from a layman's point of view. A series of several lectures was given on this subject, "What Would I Do if I Were a Pastor." This was a very interesting and profitable course of lectures. Of course, we couldn't agree with them in every point. They didn't expect us to. But a man with an open mind would get very valuable suggestions from such lectures. For instance, one suggestion they all agreed on was this: If I were a preacher I would study my sermons more than the average preacher is doing. This agreement of these several laymen on this point is significant. This question, as all questions, has two sides, but we need not deceive ourselves into believing that intelligent men and women won't know when we have failed to study our sermons. They can detect it every time and won't always be disposed to excuse us.

I rejoice with the churches at Ripley and Iuka that Brother Ball is to be their pastor. He will find in both churches a noble and responsive people. They will love him as their pastor and I'm sure he will love them. May the Lord's richest benedictions be upon these two flocks and their newly found undershepherd.

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OBSERVATIONS AND MEDITATIONS ON THE GREAT COMPULSORY LOAN SYSTEMS.

J. B. Gambrell in Baptist Standard.

There is a proverb to the effect that the borrower is servant to the lender. That is not always true. It is not generally true in the loan business about which I am about to write, which in its breadth and ramifications is one of the largest businesses in the country.

One of the strongest points about this business is that it runs right across another proverb, which has been thought to be universally true. It does not take two to make a bargain in the compulsory loan business. It takes just one. Because this is true, there is no sharp bargaining and ordinarily no waste of paper drawing notes. The transactions are exceedingly simple, and with rare exceptions there are no

vexatious law suits to enforce collections.

The first branch of this business is the ministerial compulsory loan business. Ministers are not supposed to be good business men; but results contradict the popular belief. With the rarest of exceptions, preachers' salaries are small and they are generally credited with having large families, which is, in fact, a great credit to them. It is a very generally observed fact, that preachers' children are as well educated, as a rule, as other families' children, and recent figures show that of the great men of the country, preachers' sons lead by a large per cent. This is to the credit of the preachers. Evidently there is some good management in the homes of the preachers to bring such results. Of course, preachers' wives are among the best women in the world and among the most capable. I am thinking now of one preacher family of 13, out in the country, and that family led the country while the preacher never had more than \$700 a year, and he lent money to his church members all the time and sometimes he lent to the church, for months at a time all he had made. Yet he reared, his family, educated them and paid his debts. What makes the case stronger, this preacher, like many others, lent the money without interest, while he often borrowed money and paid interest. Business men! Preachers are the greatest business men in the world, or their wives are.

How is this compulsory loan business carried on? In the simplest way. The church or the members, or both, promise so much to the preacher for his salary. Times are hard or fine opportunities come for investments or enlargements of business or for the convenience of the church or people. The clerk in the store, the bookkeeper, the man who drives the wagon or plow, the merchant, the cook, the bootblack, everybody demands pay and they will not work without it. The preacher is modest, or perhaps, timid; he is a quiet man, and shrinks from insisting on his pay. He is easy to put off, or to be more accurate, there is nothing to do about him, but to do nothing—keep back the hire of him who reaps in the fields of the Lord. He can't afford to make trouble, for that would destroy the good he seeks to do. So a compulsory loan is levied on the preacher and business goes on. This is easy, and all the more so because no security is required, and no interest account runs. Indeed, it often happens, that the longer the debt runs the less it takes to pay it. If one of these compulsory loans runs as much as five years, by a process wonderful to contemplate, it liquidates itself! A church levied a loan of \$63 on me more than 40 years ago. It is settled and I am lucky not to owe the church something, so strong are the principles controlling this ministerial compulsory loan business. After I left the church, I had to send money back to my grocer, a member of the church, but nobody was bound to pay what was due me.

This is not a rare case. There are thousands of preachers who have

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

TO BE STUDIED WITH OPEN BIBLE
By L. E. BARTON, D. D.

April 13, 1913.

JOSEPH AT BETHEL.

Gen. 28:10-22.

Golden Text: "I am with thee, and will keep thee whithersoever thou goest."—Gen. 28:15.

It is a long time when a boy packs his trunk or rolls together his bundle of clothing, and says goodbye for the first and maybe the last time at the home. Sorrow fills all eyes when tears drop from every cheek. The darkest lines of the shadow always cross the mother's heart. Her love is more solicitous, her protection is more keener, her heart more lonely when he is gone. A boy once left home on the goodly mission of going to college. Good-byes were said to some loved ones that could not be seen again. The boy turned in the view his head turned in the house, and others were to say their farewells at the train, but she who felt most deeply the pang clung to him at the edge of the front porch, and fell on his neck and bathed his face with her tears, blessing him, the while, with her prayers. As he went up the street and was about to pass over the hill ed for a last look and what a vision it was! Her form, her suffering face, her pleading, glancing eyes, her tear-moistened cheeks glowing with the light of her prayers and blessings, she saw a picture, and a personality on the boy's soul that is more precious than the writing of a pen or in the rock forever.

But Joseph's home-leaving must have been all bitterness, with no taste of sweetness; all dark shadow with no gleam of light. His mother was the instigator of the theft of the blessing from Esau, and now Esau's wrath drives Jacob from home. The mother bird's deception by luring her own young out of the nest into the icy waters of uncertainty.

Isaiah called Jacob and blessed him, but Joseph that Rebekah, the mother, did not feel like praying because her heart was so full of condemnation, and a lie was on her tongue to the reason for desiring Jacob to go. What a horrible thing was a mother, one of the guardians of childhood and of youth, should inveigle her boy into sin!

She is reaping the result of her deception. It seems pretty certain from Gen. 49:31 that Jacob never saw his mother again.

What About Dreams?

There is an interesting psychology and philosophy in dreams. They almost certainly prove that the mind never sleeps. They are the fantastic thoughts, the heterogeneous combinations, the weird associations of the mind in time of sleep,

which, from some cause, are remembered when we wake.

They seem to argue the integrity and perpetuity of the soul. When the body is unconscious and oblivious to all surroundings the mind is alert and intensely active, traversing the flight of years and the expanse of continents in a few brief seconds of time, or working out in a jiffy details that would require a novelist hours, or days, to elaborate. It is somewhat like one receiving a stroke on the head which causes the loss of consciousness for a while, but when consciousness returns, the mind brings the record of life before that time across the breach into the present. The mind does not reveal itself to this world of sense except through the brain, but destroying the brain does not destroy the mind. One of the utterable pangs of judgment will be, "Son, remember."

There was a time when God communicated with men through dreams. Pharaoh's dream and Joseph's interpretation, Nebuchadnezzar's dream and Daniel's explanation; Joseph's dream with reference to his supremacy over his brethren; the other Joseph's dreams concerning Mary, and the flight into Egypt with "the young child;" the dream of Pilate's wife, "I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him," and many others show that God sometimes made His truth known thereby. No dream nowadays can mean anything if it is in conflict with the Bible. The Bible with its grand consummation, the coming of God's Son is the completion of all revelation. Therefore, everything must be tested by it. I am sure God does not now teach new truth in dreams but He might impress truth in a dream now. That wonderful little book, "How Christ Came to Church," by A. J. Gordon—a book that every preacher on earth ought to read—was the product of a dream. Read it. He gives some fine remarks on dreams in the beginning.

Grace for a Sinner.

Jacob must have expected cursing instead of blessing. The memory of his theft, his wronged brother, his collusion with his mother, his feeble blind old father, his hasty cowardly flight from home must have made him feel that he was the most despised, and despicable man living. If the earth had opened to swallow him, the lightning had flashed to blast him, or all the demons of the pit had appeared to accuse him, I think he could not have been surprised. But for the Lord to appear and speak gently to him was a miracle of divine grace. Think what it would mean to a run-away

boy for a dear good old man, even, to put the hand on his shoulder and say, "Jacob, I knew your grandfather and your father, and loved them, and now I am going to be your friend." That is what God does for poor sinners, and I know so well how Jacob felt, both before and after taking, that my pen tugs at its tether to pour out all that is in my heart. As for the ladder Jesus in John 1:51 seems to refer to it, and identify it with Himself.

Place of Conversion.

This is where Jacob was converted, as shown by the following facts: (1) He made an altar, or memorial of the occasion.

(2) It was really the house of God—"Bethel."

(3) He made a vow to give the tenth of his substance unto God. "He was driving a bargain with the Lord, and trying to buy God's blessing for the future," some cynic chimes in. Let us see. How long have you professed conversion? Have you been grateful enough to give God a tenth after forty years of Christian profession? Have you done as well as Jacob did at the first sight of Jehovah? I affirm that no unconverted or unregenerate man will give a tenth of his income to God. Not many converted ones will do it even in this heyday of gospel privilege. This fling at Jacob's motive is contrary to every thing in the contest. God, of His own grace, had already promised him all that he stipulated, and more, too. On another occasion, when the Lord wanted to influence him, he called

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A man lay on the bar-room floor. Having drunk so much he could drink no more. So he fell asleep with a troubled brain, and dreamed that he rode on a hell-bound train. The engine with blood was red and damp, and brilliantly lit with a brimstone lamp. For fuel an imp was shoveling bones. While the furnace rang with a thousand groans. The boiler was filled with lager beer. And the devil himself was the engineer. The passengers made such a motley crew—Church members, Atheist, Gentile and Jew. Rich men in broadcloth, and beggars in rags; Handsome young ladies and withered old hags; Yellow and black men, red, brown and white, All chained together! What a terrible sight. But he capered about, and sang in glee, And laughed and joked at their agony. "My faithful friends, you have done my work, And the devil can never pay-day shrink. You have bullied the weak and robbed the poor,

And the starving brother turned from your door; You have laid up gold where the canker rusts, And given free vent to your fleshly lusts.

You have justice scorned and corruption sown, And trampled the law of nature down.

You have drunk and rioted, murdered and lied, And mocked at God in your hell-born pride.

You have paid full fare, so I'll carry you through, For it's only just you should get your due.

Why, the laborer expects his hire, So I'll land you safe in the lake of fire.

Where your flesh shall roast in the flames that roar, And myimps torment you forever more."

Then the man awoke with an agonizing cry, His clothes soaked with sweat and his hair standing high.

And he prayed as he never prayed before, To be saved from drink and the devil's power,

And his vows and prayers were not in vain,

For he never more rode on a hell-bound train.

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Rev. J. H. Pearcy, Newsome, Va., writes: "About twenty-five years ago, when a student at Richmond College, Gray's Ointment was recommended to me by a lady of culture who has given two sons to the medical profession. It did all you claim and I got well. Since then I have tried various ointments and salves, but found no substitute for your Gray's Ointment. Please send me a box by return mail, as I do not care to be without it. I do not hesitate to recommend Gray's Ointment unreservedly for boils, sores, carbuncles, etc." Gray's Ointment is most dependable in cases of cuts, burns, bruises, boils, carbuncles, insect bites, poison oak, old sores, blood poison, etc. You can prove its remarkable efficiency without cost by writing Dr. W. F. Gray & Co., 809 Gray Building, Nashville, Tenn.; they will send you a free sample postpaid. 25c a box at druggists, or by mail from the manufacturer.

The report just issued by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company for the year ending December 31, 1912, shows that the telephone has become in the United States, to a greater extent than anywhere else in the world, a household necessity. There are now 70,000 towns, cities and hamlets from which telephone messages may be sent. This is 5,000 more than the

number of postoffices in the United States; 10,000 more than the number of railroad stations and nearly three times the number of regular telegraph offices.

FIRST COMPLAINT AGAINST THE BAPTIST RECORD PIANO CLUB.

Although the club has now been in operation for more than a year, and the management has received hundreds of appreciative letters from "delighted" club members, only one complaint has so far been received. That comes from a lady who complains that the catalogue which we mailed her failed to reach her promptly and that in the meantime her husband purchased "the Style G Piano" and paid nearly two hundred dollars more than the club asks for it. On investigation we find that the lady is correct. The piano which she received is of identical make and style and her husband lost one hundred and eighty-two dollars on account of the failure of the catalogue to reach them promptly.

On that particular style and make of piano the club only claims to save its members on hundred and two dollars, but according to the figures given by this lady, it would have saved her husband exactly one hundred and eighty-two dollars for the piano dealer in this case charged more than is customary.

Some people who do not know the "ins and outs" of the piano business have possibly imagined that the claims of the club are exaggerated, but the fact is that they are just the opposite. They have been stated with extreme conservatism.

If your home needs a piano or a self-player piano it will pay you handsomely to look into the club's offers. You can obtain catalogue and full particulars by addressing the managers, Ludden & Bates, The Baptist Record Piano Club Dept., Atlanta, Ga.

Pastor J. R. McCordle, Lyman: We are progressing nicely with our new church building; expect to be worshipping in it in three weeks.

A SELECT SUMMER CLUB.

Located high up in the Blue Ridge mountains of North Carolina, one mile west of the picturesque town of Hendersonville, and overlooking that city by some two hundred feet, is what is proving to be one of the South's most popular attractive and exclusive summer resorts—South Carolina Club, a summer club for select Southerners, organized by a party of progressive South Carolinians.

This Club is truly richly favored with those features which go to make an inviting summer place. A cool, bracing climate, unrivalled view of all the high mountains in the Blue Ridge, a tranquil lake bed fed by bold mountain streams; cool springs; lovely drive and walkways, rhododendron, oak and chestnut groves, and a commodious and inviting Club House. It is also fortunately located within a few minutes' trolley ride from the shopping district and railroad station of Hendersonville.

The management of the South Carolina Club has spared no pains to maintain a select club for Southern families of refinement and culture,

and the plan upon which it is operated not only accomplishes this, but reduces the living expenses of members to a minimum. Membership can only be obtained through the purchase of a share of stock, which entitles the holder to the earnings of the Club and gives the holder the privilege of all Club benefits, as well as meals at the Club house at a very low rate. Excellent cottage sites are reserved for members, and the erection of the building looked after by the management, if so desired. Both the Club House and the cottage enjoy all modern conveniences, electric lights, baths, telephones, etc. The Club is not an experiment, but a proven success, demonstrated by the fact that the best families from several Southern States have chosen it as their summer homes since it first opened in 1911, and that new members are expected from practically every part of the South the coming season. Full particulars and illustrated booklet may be had free of charge by writing the Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Howard Caldwell, Columbia, S. C.

Pastor A. P. Pugh and the Hazelhurst church have begun their work for a revival. They purpose "to let the Holy Spirit do the work through the church." This week they are having a series of neighborhood meetings for prayer and planning, and the special services begin at the church on Sunday when they observe the Lord's Supper. The Bulletin, their church paper, will issue a daily supplement during the meeting.

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NEWS IN THE CIRCLE MARTIN BALL

Rev. L. D. Summers has resigned at Puryear, Tenn., and located at
Bells. He has succeeded well at Puryear. Why leave?

Rev. C. M. Curb has been called to the care of the Capitol Hill
church, Oklahoma City. He has accepted and will take charge on April
first.

The Western Recorder states that in a meeting held at Festus, Mo.,
there were 107 professions and 107 additions to the church. That sounds
like doing something.

Rev. J. E. Skinner, of Tampa, Fla., has been called to the Judson
memorial church, Nashville, Tenn. He was pastor of Lockland church,
Nashville, before he went to Florida.

Rev. Ray Palmer assisted Dr. W. T. Lowrey in a gracious meeting.
Evangelist Palmer is a native Mississippian, living at Warrenburg, Mo.
There were 41 additions by baptism.

The First church, Ardmore, Okla., was requested to give \$300.00 to
missions and in the collection rounded out an even \$1,000.00. This is
a noble example. Let us all follow it.

Pastor W. A. Robertson has resigned the First church, Pouca City,
Okla., and will give his entire time to evangelistic work. He is said to
be a good strong preacher of the Word.

Dr. J. M. Weaver, for 49 years pastor of the Chestnut street church,
Louisville, Ky., passed to his heavenly home last Sunday morning. He
was 81 years old and anxious to go home.

The Baptist houses of worship at Bradford and Fruitland, Tenn.,
were destroyed in the storm of last week. How dependent we are on
the mercies of God. We are in His hands.

Dr. L. C. Gates has resigned the presidency of Clarke Memorial Col-
lege, and the trustees have elected Rev. N. R. Stone, of Water Valley, to
fill the vacancy. He will take charge May first.

Evangelist Lincoln McConnell recently conducted a great meeting in
Euld, Okla. Three hundred and twenty-five joined the First church. His
heart-searching messages mightily stirred the city.

A twelve days' meeting in the Pursley church, W. Va., resulted in 36
additions. There were Methodists, Campbellites, and drunkards in the
number who joined. Glad they are seeing the light.

Rev. B. B. Weeks, of Oklahoma City, has been called to the Compton
Heights church, St. Louis, Mo. He resigned the Oklahoma City church
last Sunday, and will enter the new field at an early date.

The daily papers announce the death of Ex-Governor W. J. Northern,
of Georgia. He was for several years the efficient president of the South-
ern Baptist Convention. A great man in Israel has fallen.

Rev. Harry L. Martin, of Indianapolis, has just closed a meeting with
the Central church, New Orleans, La. He assisted his old classmate,
Pastor F. C. Flowers. There were 8 additions—6 by baptism.

The church at Fort Washington, N. Y., has called to the pastorate
Rev. Jonathan Bastow. He is 78 years old, but not old enough to re-
tire. His ability to preach and his ripe experience recommends him.

The Baptist World suggests that a chair be endowed in the Seminary
on the Kingdom. Then would begin newspaper discussions, for almost
every one would have his own notion, and that would differ from all
others.

The Mississippi editor of the Baptist Flag, Rev. C. A. Gilbert, an-
nounces that all connection with the paper has been severed, and assigns
as his reason that he has too much work to do. He moves from Bay
Springs to Ratliff.

Pastor M. R. Cooper, of Creve, Va., sends us his "mailing card," an-
nouncing a series of subjects to be discussed. He says this kind thing:
"You are helping to make The Record a better paper than it has been in
15 years." Thanks, brother.

Rev. G. E. Kennedy, who had been a Presbyterian but recently was
converted to the Baptist faith, aided Pastor F. L. Streeter in a meeting
at Armourdale, Mo. There were 117 additions to the church. A good
Presbyterian makes a good Baptist!

Pastor Hall recently closed a great meeting in the Williams street
church, Dayton, Ohio. There were 31 additions by baptism and one by
letter. The pastor did all the preaching. The blessing came at the
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money out all over the country,
 loaned on the compulsory loan prin-
 ciple. It is in all sorts of invest-
 ments for the families of the people
 who borrowed it; but most of it is
 forgotten. I did know one
 preacher who rebelled against being
 compelled to furnish money to a
 church after he earned it, without
 security or interest. He sued for
 it, but the law and the gospel would
 not harmonize. It was openly de-
 clared that under the gospel, going
 to law with brothers was unscriptu-
 ral, which was the common view.
 It hurt the preacher, and he had to
 move. Nobody seemed to be able to
 see that, under the gospel, it is un-
 scriptural to keep and use another
 man's money without his consent.
 Just lately a young preacher explain-
 ed that he had to give up a church
 because the church kept a year be-
 hind with the pastor's salary, and he
 could not live and let the church
 keep the salary a year to pay his
 redeemer. "They always pay,"
 said the preacher, "but I can't lend
 my salary to pay another man and
 wait a year." He had the notion
 of many other preachers that he
 ought to live and pay his debts. So
 far as I can see, he was right. These
 men could have made a note in bank
 and got the money, but they would
 have been compelled to pay interest,
 and they did not like that.

Another branch of this business is
 the newspaper compulsory loan busi-
 ness. Brethren take the paper and
 they mean to pay for it when it is
 convenient, and they have that much
 money they do not wish to use for
 something else, or to keep as a kind
 of nest-egg. It is a small affair
 anyway. A paper that can't go on
 with the little they owe could hardly
 go on with it. They might need it,
 so they levy a small loan on the
 newspaper, to be paid at their con-
 venience, without interest. It is
 only two or three dollars. It cuts
 a very small figure. But unhappily
 for the paper, this form of loan is
 so easy that it is widely popular.
 Thousands enter upon the business
 of compelling the loan of these small
 amounts, with the result that the
 paper is deeply embarrassed and a
 hardship is worked on the manage-
 ment, contrary to right and brother-
 liness. And the peculiar quality of
 these compulsory loans is that the
 larger these amounts grow and the
 longer they run, the quicker they
 liquidate themselves. The debt
 disappears like love—by neglect.

The last department of this large
 and popular business to be noticed
 here is the divine compulsory loan
 business. The process in this de-
 partment is essentially the same as
 in the other two. A man keeps
 back what he owes God and does
 business on it for himself, without
 God's consent and without paying in-
 terest on what he borrows. This
 was so common in the olden days
 that God sent a prophet to His peo-
 ple to raise the question with them:
 "Will a man rob God?" The an-
 swer came back to the effect that
 whole nations had robbed God, both
 in tithes and offerings. That was
 plain talk. I am awfully afraid that
 many of us are robbers of God and
 men, too. If one man were to put
 a pistol to the head of another and

compel him to lend money, it would
 make trouble; but we take advantage
 of religion to do essentially the same
 thing, just like many a man will
 treat his wife meaner than he will
 his cook, and for no other reason
 than that she has to stay and can't
 help herself, and the cook can quit
 and law him if he abuses her. There
 is a man who took God's money and
 put it with his money in land forty
 years ago, intending in time to do
 right about it. The land was worth
 \$5 an acre then. It is worth \$100
 now. But he has never made a
 square settlement. He will die
 soon, and his children will revel on
 God's money and his. Because he
 robbed God, the curse of God is on
 his ill-gotten gains. The Lord have
 mercy on all sinners!

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 fied. Book iv is a fine book; I wish
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 will not only help me as a teacher,
 but in my everyday life. I have
 learned many things from it that I
 never knew before and I feel sure
 there are others that would do like-
 wise. We haven't an organized
 class in our Sunday School, there-
 fore, my sister and I take this course
 at home. If we had a class I could
 not attend regular for we live ten
 miles from the church. I know it
 must be more entertaining and you
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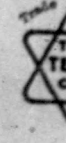
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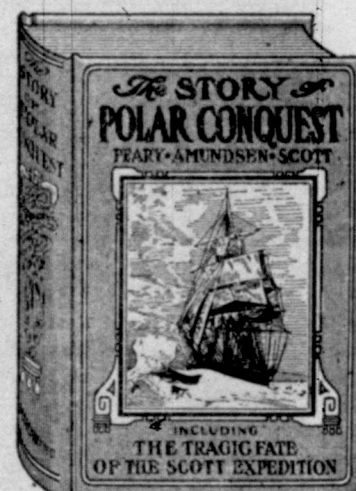
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